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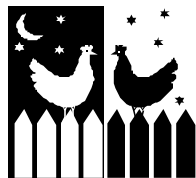
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mixed, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was mostly moderate to good, best for features and promotions. Supplies were balanced to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability was adequate to ample for breast items and wings, close balanced for dark meat items particularly leg quarters. Trading was light to moderate and often limited to regular commitments. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/16/01-07/21/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	56.50-58.00	57.50	18	60.48	29
Chicago	51.00-55.00	54.68	45	56.52	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.23	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.68	13
Denver	68.50	68.46	17	67.62	23
Detroit	52.00-53.00	54.38	13	57.57	45
Los Angeles	69.00	67.04	66	64.02	175
New York	55.00-57.00	56.25	24	57.98	60
Philadelphia	54.00-56.00	54.45	10	54.41	22
Pittsburgh	52.50-54.50	53.86	11	58.80	56
St. Louis	54.00-54.25	53.58	22	55.38	40
San Francisco	69.50	68.50	29	66.88	76

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/16/01	Change/Last Wk	07/09/01	07/17/00
649	59.96	-0.52	60.48	56.61

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.80	41
Central	57.00-62.00	59.17	68
West	57.00-63.50	63.40	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	63.50-65.00	64.01	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,145	50.00-66.50	61.84

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.00	1,479
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	5,068
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,314
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	753
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	9,603
WINGS	96.00	3,178

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to fairly good, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were balanced to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was sufficient to close balanced and moving. Breast items were in balance with mixed, but improved demand, and supplies of wings continued to outweigh limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to balanced, however, the 3 pound and lighter birds were often in the closer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the 3 pound and lighter birds, and at least steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were available at discounted levels. Leg quarters were well cleared. Thighs were increasingly available at some locations. Wings were fully sufficient.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries mixed with regular commitments generally unchanged to occasionally higher, new negotiations mainly unchanged on small sizes and unchanged to higher on heavy weights. Offerings adequate overall. Retailer demand improved by stores to cover features planned and in progress, restaurants moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .25 to 59.41 with the volume reported down 19 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's delivery were unchanged to higher into Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and Wogs were limited, but sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate with sizes generally desirable. Parts supplies were adequate on all items with wings varied from player to player. The tone was generally steady on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate through the weekend. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared on 2.5 to 3 pound sizes; adequate on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were available and slow to clear. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg quarters were well cleared. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.03
NO. OF BOXES	13582

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was unaggressive entering the week as dealers limited purchases in order to keep floor stocks balanced with demand. Offerings of breast items were available with discounting noted to stimulate interest. Leg quarters were well cleared, however, thighs were slightly more available at some locations. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak on breast items, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	136.18	625,080
TENDERLOINS	135	139.90	125,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	74.05	274,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	68.00	180,000
LEGS	41-42	44.16	251,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.83	587,897
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	45.94	151,760
THIGHS	37-38	43.46	155,320
B/S THIGHS	88-89	87.29	88,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	94.68	251,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	89,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.94	116,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.07	138,440

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	951	113.00-155.00	125-133	129.76
TENDERLOINS	223	128.00-237.00	-	146.12
BREAST - WITH RIBS	265	67.00-83.00	67	70.83
FRONT HALVES	440	65.00-72.00	-	68.36
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,520	27.50-29.50	29.5	29.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	59	29.25	-	29.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	106	66.50-84.00	80-84	78.16
DRUMSTICKS	101	45.00-45.50	-	45.10
THIGHS	1,550	39.50-40.00	-	39.51

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/16	07/12	07/12	07/09	07/05
ALA	3,579	3,907	4.93	3,843	5.03
ARK	5,310	4,839	4.68	5,193	4.93
DELMARVA	2,278	2,378	4.97	2,313	5.10
KY-LA-TN	7,994	1,959	4.40	2,002	4.55
MISS	2,831	2,851	4.93	2,850	5.21
NC	2,613	2,589	5.76	2,547	5.78
TEXAS	2,326	2,350	4.61	2,321	4.76
TOTAL	26,931	20,873	4.89	21,069	5.04
MON	26,931(A)			21,069(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jul 2001 is estimated to be 40,292,000 up 27.44 percent from a week ago and up 27.88 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,616,000, last year 31,507,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	952	135.00-203.00	145-148	143.85
TENDERLOINS	1,032	140.00-230.00	140-145	143.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	73.00-78.00	73-75	73.35
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	129	40.00-52.00	41-43	42.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	27.50-30.00	27.5-29	28.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,229	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	311	85.00-99.00	95-97	96.92
WINGS (CUT)	486	102.00-110.00	104-107	105.98
DRUMSTICKS	109	48.00-53.00	-	51.32
THIGHS	71	47.00-52.00	-	49.14
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUL 16, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.00	49.49	49.71

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 16-JUL-2001 TO 20-JUL-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	117.00 - 145.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 83.00	67.00 - 78.00
LEGS	42.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 36.00	29.00
DRUMSTICKS	40.00 - 51.00	-
THIGHS	37.00 - 51.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	88.00 - 98.00	91.00 - 93.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 51.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-100
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-106
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-104
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-JUL-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	21.00	14,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		21.00		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.50-23.00	19.50-22.00	905,000	158,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.23	20.01		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.00-24.00	19.00-24.00	1,863,000	624,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.30	20.52		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	21.00	17.00	86,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	21.00	17.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-JUL-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00-23.50	21.50	366,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	23.13	21.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.00-24.00	15.00-25.50	1,801,800	1,146,400
WTD AVERAGE	20.56	18.68		
20% OR MORE	-	-	-	-
RANGE				
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JUL-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.25	7-8	7.90

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were irregular for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JUL-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-10.5	8-9	8.16
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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